12.00 hrs.

[English]

SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK (Buldana): Sir, I beg to draw the attention of the Government towards the report which has appeared in The Sunday Observer dated the 21st July. It says that "the Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI) funnelled CIA money to Indian politicians and bureaucrats".

Sir, this is a front page report and I think it is a very serious matter and all of us are very much concerned. Such reports have been appearing in the press time and again. Many times such reports have been false, but such types of allegations have been made again and again. So, I would like to know from the Government whether it is aware that the U.S. Senate Sub-Committee on Terrorism, Narcotics and International Operations is investigating into this matter wherever the BCCI was operating and it is also investigating the BCCI's Bombay office which has reportedly funnelled money to as many as 17 bureaucrats and some politicians. If this report has come, I would like to know whether the Sub-Committee or the U.S. Administration has contacted the Government of India or has consulted the Government of India and if it has not done, whether the Government of India after going through the report contacted the U.S. Administration. We would like to know whether these reports are true or false. If the reports are true, we would like to know who are the politicians and who are the bureaucrats. If it is false, we would like this to be set right immediately.

SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOUDHURY (Katwa): We want the response from the Government. *(Interruptions)**

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Chhedi Paswan. We are taking one after the other.

(Interruptions).

MR. SPEAKER: Only what Shri Paswan says goes on record.

(Interruptions).*

*Not recorded

[Translation]

SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN (Sasaram): Mr. Speaker, Sir, a heavy responsibility has fallen upon the Central Government in view of the present economic condition of Bihar. Perhaps the Central Government is very much concerned about the condition of farmers, labourers and the unemployed. As such, it should pay serious attention to Bihar immediately.

Before the impending drought situation breaks the backbone of the farmers and the labourers and the cries of their groans reach the powers that be, the Central Government should prepare itself for extending help.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I demand that a large amount of special assistance should be sanctioned to Bihar Government immediately so that the State could grapple with the problem of poverty and unemployment.

[English]

DR. DEVI PRASAD PAL (Calcutta North-West): Sir, I want to bring to the notice of the House one important thing that supply of milk is one of the essential supplies and in Calcutta it appeared in the press that for some time because of the dispute between the workers and the Mother Dairy 60,000 litres of milk have been spilt and this has been wasted. Every day 8,000 litres of milk has been wasted. What steps are being taken to prevent this sort of dispute between the workers and the Mother Dairy authorities? For years together this sort of thing is happening.

Why has it not been done earlier when 60,000 litres of milk was wasted? I want to know what steps they have taken regarding this matter. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI M. R. JANARTHANAN (Tirunelveli): Mr. Speaker, Sir, please see the photograph which has appeared in this newspaper. This is a very serious matter. *(Interruptions)*